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SUBJ: LOS - IRISH INTEREST IN RESULTS OF U.S. NAVY RESEARCH

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1. REFTELS REPORT IRISH INTEREST IN RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY U.S. NAVY OFF IRISH COAST IN LATE 'SIXTIES. IRISH FONOFF HAS NOW FOLLOWED UP WITH REQUEST FOR INFO. BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY IRISH IS CLEARLY NOT ALL THEY HAVE, AS IN CONVERSATION THEY ALSO REFERRED TO TALKS WITH AMERICAN SAILORS. INFO SUPPLIED DOES MAKE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT RESEARCH WAS CONDUCTED CLOSE TO IRISH COAST.

2. IRISH REQUEST COMES IN FORM OF OFFICIAL LETTERS TO EMBOFF WHO PARTICIPATED IN RECENT LOS DISCUSSIONS ALONG WITH DEPTOFF OXMAN. LETTER AND ENCLOSURES ARE BEING FORWARDED VIA AIRGRAM. ENCLOSURES ARE:

A. "AN INFORMAL REPORT" NO. 70-18 FROM U.S. NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE IN 1970. IT CONTAINS MAP SHOWING AREA OF RESEARCH EXTENDING CLOSE TO IRISH
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COAST. SURVEY WAS DONE IN 1967-1969 BY "VARIOUS

NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE SURVEY SHIPS."

B. A PAPER BY G. L. JOHNSON, P. R. VOGT AND E. D. SCHNEIDER IN "DEUTSCHE HYDROGRAPHISCHE ZEITSCHRIFT" OF 1971. SUBJECT IS AN MORPHOLOGY OF THE NORTH-EASTERN ATLANTIC. PAPER CONTAINS CHART, AND IRISH NOTATION ON IT SAYS "TRACKS SHOWN WELL WITHIN 100 FANTOMS" (OFF IRISH COAST).

3. EMBASSY IS ACKNOWLEDGING FONOFF LETTER.

4. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS: EMBASSY HAS NO INFO ON SUBJECT AND, IN CONVERSATION WITH IRISH, IS ONLY SAYING THAT WE WILL REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IRISH WERE EVER INFORMED, BUT THEY BELIEVE THEY WERE NOT, AND THEY ARE CLEARLY UNHAPPY. EMBASSY HOPES DEPT CAN GIVE US RESEARCH RESULTS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO IRISH. IRISH RESENTMENT OVER THIS MATTER COULD AFFECT SOME OF THEIR POSITIONS ON LOS MATTERS. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. SORENSON

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